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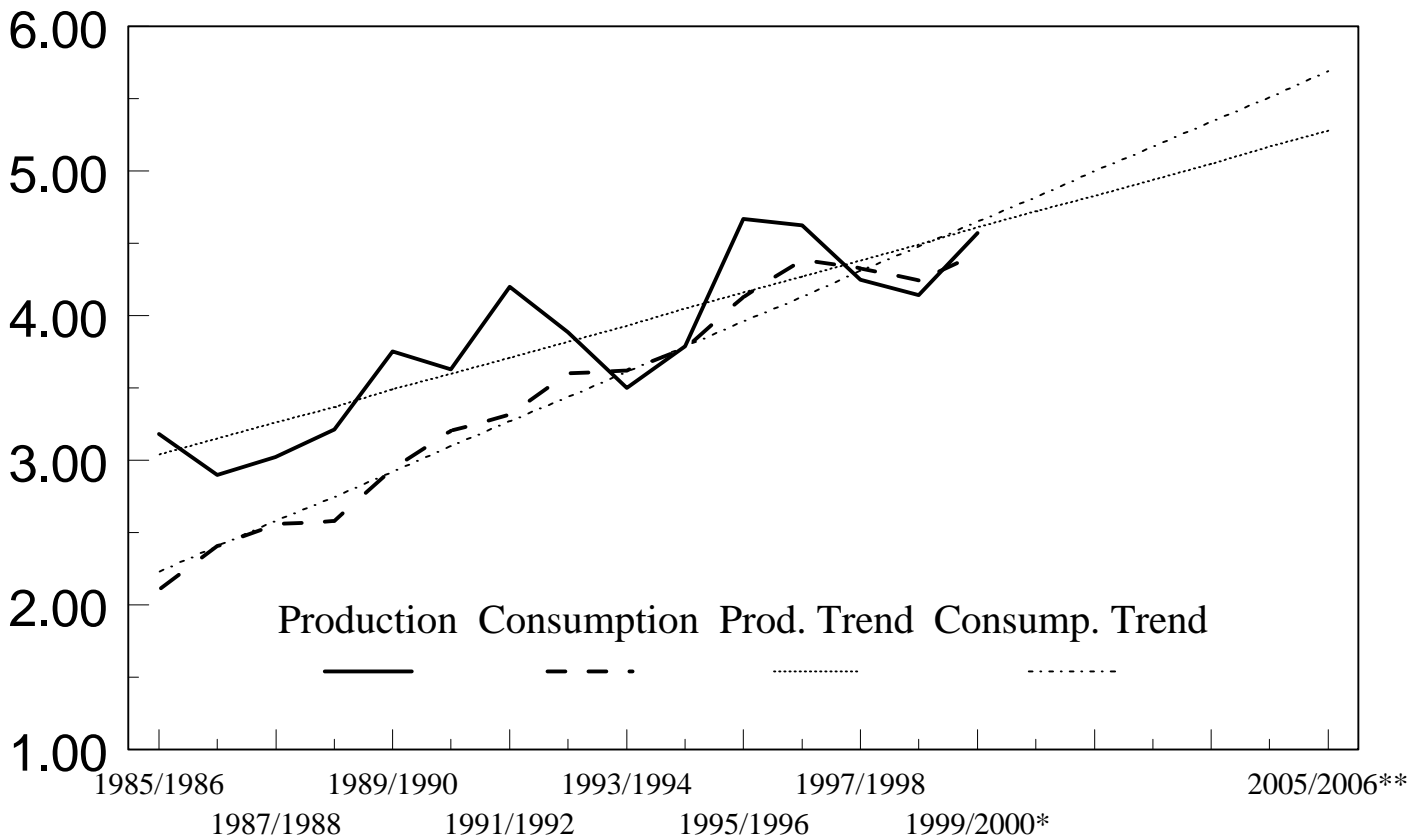
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Cotton: World Markets and Trade

India and Pakistan Cotton Consumption Outpaces Growth in Production

Million 480-lb. Bales



*Forecast

**Trend lines

India and Pakistan's presence in the world cotton market has expanded greatly. The two countries combined now account for nearly 25 percent of world production and their use of cotton now accounts for between 20 and 25 percent of the world total. Both production and consumption have consistently trended up over the last 15 years. If these trends continue, these two traditional net exporting countries could face a deficit of up to 700,000 bales of cotton per year. See Cover Story for additional detail.